

**REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY  
IMPROVEMENTS ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 682, Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act. Testimony was heard from Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, SBA; J. Christopher Mihm, Managing Director-Strategic Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—ENERGY EMPLOYEES  
OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION  
PROGRAM**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing entitled “Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act: Are We Fulfilling the Promise We Made to Cold War Veterans When We Created the Program? Part 3 in a Series.” Testimony was heard from Austin Smythe, Acting Deputy Director, OMB; Lewis Wade, Special Assistant to the Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Health and Human Services; and a public witness.

**OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL WILDLIFE  
REFUGE SYSTEM**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Growing Operations Crisis Within the National Wildlife Refuge System. Testimony was heard from Dale Hall, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**CHINESE BARRIERS TO TRADE**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports held a joint hearing entitled “Chinese Barriers to Trade: Does China Play Fair?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—USCG LICENSING AND  
DOCUMENTATION OF MERCHANT  
MARINERS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on U.S. Coast Guard Licensing and Documentation of Merchant Mariners. Testimony was heard from RADM, Craig E. Bone, USCG, Assistant Commandant for Prevention, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 5835, amended, Veterans Identify and Security Credit Security Act of 2006; H.R. 5815, amended, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Authorization Act of 2006; H. Con. Res. 125, Expressing the support for the designation and goals of “Hire a Veteran Week” and encouraging the President to issue a proclamation supporting those goals; and H. Con. Res. 347, Honoring the National Association of State Veterans Homes and the 119 State veterans homes providing long-term care to veterans that are represented by that association for their contributions to the health care of veterans and the health care system of the Nation.

**U.S-PERU TRADE PROMOTION  
AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Approved the draft implementing proposal on the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act.

**FBI CONFIDENTIAL HUMAN SOURCE  
OPERATIONS**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold hearing on FBI Confidential Human Source Operations. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

## *Joint Meetings*

**CARL D. PERKINS VOCATIONAL AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT  
ACT**

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 250, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act.

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**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 762)

S. 3504, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit the solicitation or acceptance of tissue from fetuses gestated for research purposes. Signed on July 19, 2006. (Public Law 109–242)